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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,739,296 issued April 14, 1998.
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,049,428 issued April 11, 2000.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 3-54506, published March 8, 1991 with English Abstract.

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